

WILSON READY TO LEAD LEAGUE DRIVE

THINKS IT ONLY SOLUTION FOR HARDING'S TROUBLES.

NATION ANXIOUS TO JOIN

The Administration Has Been Forced into the Arena Over European Troubles—Public Has Been Observing Trend.

Washington.—Europe's troubles, now holding the foreground of the administration's attention as well as the nations, have conspired to bring Woodrow Wilson prominently into view, regardless of his present plan or condition, and his closest friends are convinced that he is to lead, by his direction, if not actual participation, a renewed fight for the League of Nations.

The subject of the league and the growing conviction among its advocates in congress and through the country that its acceptance by the United States would have averted the disasters now hovering over Europe were widely discussed here. At the same time authorities have been informed of Mr. Wilson's purpose to throw himself back into the fight for it as soon as the auspices are ripe and as fully as his strength will permit.

Furthermore, the Harding administration has been forced into the international arena within the last week, European troubles are overshadowing all other immediate concerns, and as it was pointed out by senators and representatives, the public has not lost sight of the fact that these very concerns were provided for in the league and might well have been escaped had America not embarked on the administration policy of isolation.

POLAND'S PRESIDENT KILLED.

Wave of Revulsion Against Radicals Blamed for the Outrage.

Warsaw.—Troops enforcing martial law patrolled Warsaw following the assassination of Gabriel Narutowicz, president of Poland for five days.

The city, at first stunned by the shooting down of the executive without warning by a fanatic radical at an art exhibition, reacted with excitement and a wave of angry feeling is sweeping through the nation.

DINERS DRANK FREELY.

Investigators Report 1,000 Received Liquor in "Nursing Bottle Stunt."

Boston.—Two investigations of a banquet of New England Road Builders' association, at which Scotch whiskey is alleged to have been served in nursing bottles to the 1,000 diners were under way—one by prohibition officers and the other by local police.

KILLED BY SHARK.

Teacher Meets Sad Fate While Bathing in Surf.

New York.—Miss Katherine W. Bourne, of Tabor, N. C., a missionary teacher at St. John's school, San Juan, Porto Rico, was killed by a shark while bathing on the beach near San Juan, according to a cable message received at the Episcopal Church Mission House.

Will \$3,000 For German Indemnity.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Miss Gertrude C. Schmidt, the former private school teacher whose death two weeks ago was for a time shrouded in mystery, provided in her will for a part of her \$6,000 estate to go toward the payment of Germany's reparations to the allies.

Masons May Fight Klan.

New Brunswick, N. J.—Governor-elect George H. Silzer of New Jersey declared that he would urge the grand lodge of Masons to take action looking to suppression of the Ku Klux Klan.

Hundreds Seek Job Under Governor.

Nashville, Tenn.—Almost a thousand men and women have signified their willingness to Governor-elect Peay to serve the state in some capacity during the next two years.

Plan Coal Development.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Several thousand acres of rich coal and timber are to be developed by a corporation headed by former Secretary of Labor Wilson in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Woman On High Court.

Columbus, O.—Miss Florence E. Allen, Cleveland, elected an associate justice of the Ohio supreme court at the November election, took the oath of office here. She is the first woman in the world to sit as judge in such a court, it is said.

Politicians Catch Blame.

Rochester, N. Y.—The transportation business has been ruined by politicians, declared Samuel M. Vauclain, president of the Baldwin locomotive works, in an address here.

GREECE TUMBLES TOWARD CHASM

FIRST UNCENSORED STORY TELL OF NATION'S PLIGHT.

SURROUNDED BY HER FOES

Nation Left Without a Single Strong Statesman, Since Venizelos Refuses to Return—Revolutionists at the Helm.

Athens.—Partition of Greece looms today as the ultimate possible outcome of the Near East chaos. Behind the veil of press censorship, which prevents foreign correspondents from obtaining a full, impartial analysis of the situation, and leaves long columns of censored white paper in the local press, the Greek revolutionary government is struggling to guide the nation's destiny through a morass of economic chaos, internal unrest and foreign hostilities, which, as the aftermath of the disastrous Asia Minor war now threatens the very existence of the Greek people as a national entity.

They may succeed in the hoped for yet now apparently improbable financial aid is forthcoming from the powers. But with the Lausanne conference fruitless and the powers deadlocked in a political impasse, Greece is today an unstable factor, which still threatens to project the near east into war.

Without both financial aid and skillful leadership Greece cannot hope to stave off ultimate collapse. Many observers believe such a collapse would turn loose all the seething national aspirations of the Balkans and the near east, for a partition of Greece that would involve the entire southeast Europe, possibly dragging in the western powers in spite of their economical and political interests.

When the Greek revolutionists ousted King Constantine they obtained control of a country which had already been thoroughly ruined by the failure of a former monarch's dreams. Greece's coffers were empty. It was friendless. Itself barren of resources. It was burdened with 1,000,000 refugees.

Greece today is left without a single strong statesman outside of M. Venizelos and M. Ziamis. MM. Venizelos and Ziamis have announced that they don't intend to take an active leadership of the country.

Greece's destiny is now in the hands of the revolutionary group. The Greek leadership today lays in the hands of Col. Plastiras, who remains behind the scenes and pulls the strings of the revolutionary party. This tottering nation—friendless in Western Europe—is surrounded by a horde of enemy neighbors, who have covetous eyes on various strips of Greek soil. Turkey is the most potential force.

Added to the hopeless confusion of this situation is the problem of 1,000,000 refugees, which have been thrust on the nation, which itself totals only 4,000,000 people; and under these circumstances world money markets are hands off, so far as financial requirements are concerned.

FLORIDA MONTE CARLO BAN.

Ministers Appeal to Governor to Stop Palm Beach Gambling.

West Palm Beach, Fla.—America's Monte Carlo, the celebrated Beach Club, is the subject of an attack in a hot letter sent to Gov. Cary A. Hardee, signed by the Ministerial Association of Palm Beach and endorsed by 2,000 or more citizens.

Tax Law Favors Business.

St. Louis.—The present federal tax law is distinctly more favorable to business than any since the war, according to Arthur A. Ballentine of New York in an address here.

D'Annunzi Is Editor.

Rome.—Gabriele D'Annunzio has formed a company for the publication of a daily newspaper, it has been announced. No details given.

Runners Seize Liquor.

Lawrenceburg, Ky.—Whiskey runners raided Bond Bros. distillery, 1 miles from this city, and carried away a large quantity of whiskey.

Japs Send New Ambassador.

Tokyo.—Appointment of Vice Foreign Minister Masano Hamihara as ambassador to Washington was confirmed by the cabinet.

Klan Denounced by Governors.

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.—Without taking formal action on the Ku Klux Klan, prohibition enforcement or any of the state issues confronting them, the governors of a score of states adjourned their annual conference. The Klan was denounced in vigorous language.

Justice Pitney Resigns From Bench.

Washington.—Associate Justice Pitney of the supreme court sent his resignation to President Harding to take effect January 1.

NEWS AND VIEWS

From The STATE CAPITAL

By F. R. Birdsall

The case on appeal to the supreme court from the decision of Circuit Judge Potter holding that Governor Russell had a right to remove Thomas M. Henry, insurance commissioner, for alleged embezzlement, has been argued before the supreme court and the decision of that court is expected, as this is a preference case, at an early date. It will be recalled that in checking over the records of the insurance commissioner for data in the cases brought by State Revenue Agent Stokes V. Robertson against the fire insurance companies for an alleged trust and combine, in which Chancellor Stricker penalized the fire insurance companies \$8,000,000, which decree was affirmed by the supreme court, the revenue agent discovered irregularities in the office of State Insurance Commissioner Henry. After checking up State Insurance Commissioner Henry paid into the state treasury through State Revenue Agent Robertson some \$30,000, and the revenue agent is now suing the insurance commissioner for some \$110,000 additional.

The Jackson Kiwanis Club, of which Chief Justice Smith is president, was the honor guest of the Hinds County Agricultural High School at Raymond, and the members of this progressive and constructive organization were delighted with that magnificent institution, which has become famous not only throughout Mississippi, but all over the country under the superintendency of R. E. L. Sullivan. Members of that organization pledged their hearty co-operation in making this notable institution, which was made a junior college by an act of the last legislature, more useful, if possible, than heretofore.

The mild winter is emphasizing the advantages of Mississippi as a great stock raising state. Native grasses, including Japan clover or lespedeza, are still in luxuriant pastoral growth, the frost not having been sufficient to kill them. This is also true of Bermuda grass, one of the most succulent and best hay producers known. This grass was brought to Mississippi by Cowles Mead when secretary of the territory before Mississippi became a state. It is reported that the levee board of the Yazoo Mississippi levee district has sold thousands of tons of Bermuda hay, cut and baled from the levees this year.

Many inquiries are being made at the office of secretary of state for the journals of the house and senate of 1922. Under the law successful bidders for the laws and journals have eight months to fulfill their contracts. The laws were furnished the secretary of state some months ago. The time limit on the journals was up December 8, the legislature having adjourned on April 8. It is understood that the secretary of state will receive the journals at an early date. There is talk that the legislature will repeal such long time limit allowed for the printing of the law and journals at the next session.

Tens of thousands of Mississippi men and women who failed to pay their poll tax in 1921 will be startled when they read that in order to become qualified electors and to participate in the primary election for state, legislative and county offices next year, they must pay \$5.20. That means \$2.00 for the year 1922, \$2.00 for the year 1921 which they failed to pay, and \$1.20 damages for failure to so pay. The \$5.20 must be paid on or before midnight of the first day of February, 1923, in order that they may register, which later must be done four months before the November elections of 1923.

Judge George A. McLean, president of the Mississippi Tax League, has called a meeting in this city for next spring, and expects a large attendance. It is understood the league will pass resolutions memorializing the legislature for tax reduction, and that its recommendations will become an issue in the campaign for governor and members of the legislature.

The Mississippi Railroad Commission has just had published one of the handsomest and most accurate maps ever gotten out. It contains valuable data and information. It is understood that the map is for free distribution as long as it lasts, only a limited number having been contracted for.

Sheriffs and tax collectors of Mississippi are notifying male school teachers and students 18 years old and over, that they are subject to commutation road tax. The law exempting students from road tax was repealed by the legislature at its session in 1922.

High School Gets Credit.

Biloxi.—The Biloxi high school was placed upon the all-southern list of accredited high schools at a meeting of the Southern Association of High Schools and Colleges.

MISSISSIPPI HAPPENINGS

Phone Offices Will Move.

Jackson.—Following the settlement of the telephone rate, officials of the company announced that all arrangements had been completed for removal of the official headquarters officers to Jackson and the creation of Mississippi as a separate and independent division of the Cumberland system. The present telephone building, though recently enlarged, will not accommodate the new division headquarters, and negotiations have been opened with a view to securing the entire third floor of the new Barker bakery building, now under construction and in the same block with the telephone building.

Work Starts in January.

Jackson.—I. C. Garber, successful bidder for the construction of the Auditorium building, will have everything in readiness to begin work the first week in January and efforts will be made to make a record and complete the job by May in time for the meeting of the state teachers' association. This it is believed can be done unless the weather conditions prevent.

Legion Medals Awarded.

Jackson.—W. F. Bond, state superintendent of education, has just received from Garland W. Powell, national director of the American Legion, medals for those students who won prizes in the legion's national essay contest which closed December 1. The winner of the first prize is Miss Leny Owen Mitchell of Natchez, Miss., to whom will be awarded a silver medal.

Interesting Antiques Shown.

Starkville.—A pretty feature of the meeting of the Hicashabaha chapter, U. S. D. A. R., of Starkville, and the A. & M. College, held at the home of the regent, A. W. Reynolds, was the silver tea and antique display. This entertainment was unique in the annals of Starkville, and pronounced by many to be the most interesting of any ever held here.

High School Approved.

Lexington.—Prof. H. M. Ivy has notified Prof. W. B. Kenna, superintendent of the Lexington high school, that the southern commission in session at New Orleans, has approved the Lexington high school for all southern affiliation, which is a great compliment to the school. A graduate of this school can enter any southern college without examination.

Cotton Case Is Settled.

Greenwood.—In chancery court the case of Peoples Bank vs. Tallahatchie Compress and Strage company was settled. The case originated from conflicting claims as to a large number of bales of cotton of McMullen & Anderson, planters of Tallahatchie county, and several claimants had intervened in the suit.

Will Dine Employees.

Kosciusko.—The Aponaug Manufacturing Company, owners of the local cotton mill, are advertising for 90 turkeys with which to furnish the Christmas dinner for their employees. They will also give their employees a basket of nice fruit and will entertain them all at a big Christmas tree.

Jack Weems Killed.

Belzoni.—Returning from an automobile ride, Jack Weems was killed instantly and Miss Lennie Lloyd, accompanying him, suffered a broken leg and other injuries, when the car in which they were riding leaped through an open span in the bridge across the Yazoo river here. The young lady will recover.

Case Is Passed Over.

Jackson.—The motion for a reopening of the Brantley case was passed over by the court and no date has been set for a hearing. This is the case in which former Game Warden Brantley seeks to have overruled and set aside the former case in which he was ousted from office under an initiative vote.

Mississippi College Aided.

Clinton.—Dr. J. W. Provins, president of Mississippi college, has returned from New Orleans, where he was in attendance on the meeting of the association of southern colleges and high schools, and announces that Mississippi college was admitted to membership in this association.

Will Address Boys.

Greenville.—Wm. Ray Toombs, deputy of the grand council of the order of DeMolay for boys, for the state of Mississippi, has gone to Jackson, Fla., to deliver an address before the Florida DeMolay boys, and whose guest he will be for the entire trip.

County Agent Re-elected.

Tishomingo.—At the recent meeting of the board of supervisors for this county, W. R. Smith was re-elected as county agent. His annual report made a very favorable impression on the board.

Rally for Church.

Oxford.—The First Presbyterian church of Oxford has planned a rally day service, their aim being "Every Member Present." The occasion is the sixth anniversary of the present pastorate.

U. S. ATTEMPTS TO SETTLE INDEMNITY

BIG FAT LOAN FOR GERMANY INDICATED AS METHOD.

CABINET ENDS ISOLATION

Harvey Is Called Home, However, and Washington Government Takes Up Negotiations With Berlin.

Washington.—The United States is endeavoring to bring about a pacific settlement of the German reparations dispute which has produced the present threatening situation in Europe.

A discussion of plans of procedure already in progress between Washington, London and Paris, and the outcome may be the re-entry of the United States into European affairs for the purpose of exercising a stabilizing influence, avoiding threatened clash between France and Germany and saving Germany from economic collapse.

Although American troops are to be retained on the Rhine a while longer, the Harding administration does not intend to back up its present program or committing itself to the employment of armed force in the future.

President Harding believes that the influence of the United States, the greatest creditor nation in the world, will be sufficiently potent to accomplish the purposes in view.

If the plans under consideration which were discussed at the cabinet meeting work out successfully, it is expected that the amount of reparations Germany is obligated to pay the allies will be materially reduced and that a huge loan to Germany will be made by American, British and French financiers to stabilize the German republic financially and enable it to make immediate payments.

The delicate tension of affairs in Europe is recognized, particularly with Clemenceau and other foreign statesmen predicting another European war. The president and the cabinet have discussed with concern the dangers inherent in the presence of American troops on the Rhine and the policy being pursued has been adopted with full recognition of those dangers.

If war should break out again in Europe and the American troops on the Rhine should be attacked, the United States would be compelled to reinforce them or swallow the affront and in that manner would be likely to be drawn into the conflict.

Just how far the administration will be able to go in the direction of intercession to avert a European catastrophe even the administration does not know. Ambassador Harvey has been summoned from London to Washington to bring his knowledge and wisdom to bear on the problem. It is hoped, however, that a plan can be perfected before the allied premier are due to meet in Paris, Jan. 2, to resume discussion of the reparations issue.

CAPPER PUSHES INQUIRY.

Gets Resolution Passed Demanding Report on Railroad Earnings.

Washington.—The Interstate Commerce Commission was asked by the Senate in a resolution adopted what railroads, if any, had reported earnings in excess of 6 per cent in compliance with the Esch-Cummins act. The resolution was offered by Senator Capper, Republican, of Kansas, and also asked the commission to report on the valuation so far as fixed on such railroads as have noted the excess earnings.

PERSHING AIDE ILL.

Col. A. E. Bradley, on General's Medical Staff, in Hospital.

Montgomery, Ala.—Col. A. E. Bradley, prominent medical officer on the staff of Gen. Pershing during the world war, is reported as being in a Montgomery hospital critically ill. Hospital officials while admitting that Col. Bradley is under treatment, decline to make public the nature of his illness or his condition.

Decorated for Valor.

Washington.—Joe Thompson, the fighting Irishman who captained the University of Pittsburgh football team in 1904-5 and now is a lieutenant-colonel in the reserve corps, was decorated by Maj. Gen. Charles H. Muir, with the congressional medal of honor for valor and fighting qualities displayed in France with the Twenty-eighth Division.

Four Blow Bank Safe.

Lafayette, Ind.—Four robbers who entered the Farmers State Bank blew the vault, rifled safety deposit boxes and escaped with \$1,500 in cash and Liberty bonds and war savings stamps estimated at more than \$20,000.

Governors Don Jumpers.

Beckley, W. Va.—Laying aside the cares of office, the governors of 11 states donned jumpers at Glen White, near here, and descended 250 feet into the earth to inspect one of West Virginia's coal mines.

RAILROADS FACE \$30,000 SHORTAGE

R. E. DOWDY, TICKET AGENT, IS MISSING.

BIG SAFE IS FOUND EMPTY

Railroad Auditors Still Checking Alleged Defalcation—Police Called Into Case Seek Arrest of Official—Left for Alabama.

Memphis.—Alleged shortages in the accounts of the Grand Central ticket office have mounted approximately to \$30,000 following the disappearance of Ronda E. Dowdy, 25, assistant agent, 1163 Tutwiler Avenue.

The arrest of Dowdy has been ordered by Joseph B. Burney, chief of police, who wired a description of the missing ticket official to the authorities at Attala, Ala., to which point the man said he had been called by the illness of an aunt, a Mrs. Staples.

When the big safe at the Grand Central Station was opened it was found bare of cash. Mr. Dowdy was in possession of the combination of the safe.

He announced that he had been called to Attala, his former home, by the illness of his aunt, who, it was said, had reared and educated him. He purchased a ticket and a Pullman berth for Birmingham.

His wife, who is the mother of two children, a boy and a girl, one three and the other five years old, has not been notified of the circumstances, although a detective has quizzed her as to the whereabouts of her husband.

Mr. Dowdy was bonded to the extent of \$20,000. Railroad officials decline to discuss the matter.

The alleged defalcation affects four traffic lines directly—the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley, Illinois Central, the Frisco and the Rock Island, all running into the Grand Central Station.

HELP COOPERATIVE SALES.

Government Officials Assure Support Hailed as Farmers' Salvation.

Washington.—Cooperative marketing of farm crops received assurances of support from members of the government. Secretary of Commerce Hoover, Eugene Meyer, Jr., managing director of the war finance corporation, and Adolph C. Miller, member of the federal reserve board, told delegates to the first national council of Farmers' Cooperative Marketing Associations that commodity associations had done more toward restoring financial stability in the United States than any other factor, and Senator Capper, Kansas, leader of the senate farm bloc, declared the prospects were growing better daily for action on rural credits legislation. Secretary Hoover said the farmers had every right to demand relief from the depression into which his industry had fallen, because it had suffered more than any other. He expressed the opinion that the farmers' greatest hope for relief lays in cooperative marketing, and he predicted that the sentiment of the country would guarantee them the constructive measures they needed. Lack of transportation facilities, Mr. Hoover said, has caused the farmer greater loss than high rates.

LIBEL, SAYS HARDING.

Claims Everything Possible Done for Disabled Veterans.

Washington.—The care and rehabilitation of disabled world war veterans was discussed at some length by President Harding and his cabinet, it was said at the White House.

The president was said to have told the cabinet of a visit from a man who demanded "why the government isn't serving more effectively in the care of disabled veterans," and charged that 70,000 men were clamoring for admission to hospitals. The case was discussed by the president, who characterized the charges, it is understood, as "an abominable libel—nothing else."

At the present time, the chief executive was said to have asserted there are 8,000 empty beds in government hospitals awaiting those who will seek them, and when the present hospital program is completed, the government will have twice as many beds as are needed.

Receiver Named for Magazine.

New York.—Federal Judge Mack has appointed Franklin Coe receiver in equity for the Metropolitan Publications Corporation, publishers of the Metropolitan Magazine.

Irish Railway Blocked.

Belfast.—Railway communication between Belfast and Dublin was cut off as a result of the wrecking of a train supported by republican bands at Broomin, county of Louth. Telephone communications also was off.

Says Reds Asking Return.

Nelson, B. C.—The Doukhobers, a religious sect, which settled in Cyprus and in western Canada when expelled from Russia in 1885, are being solicited by the Bolsheviks to return. It is reported here.